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In re Application of:

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Examiner Kailash C. Srivastava, Ph.D.

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RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this communication.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this communication.